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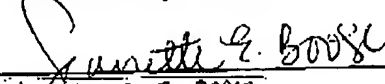
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

The Examiner requires a further election between species of previously elected

10 Group I, claims 1-39, as follows:

Species A: Claims 1-28, drawn to a method for dicing a wafer having a base material with a diamond structure, which comprises dicing the wafer through at least one line along a direction at a predetermined offset angle from a natural cleavage direction of the diamond structure; and

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Species B: Claims 29-39, drawn to a method for dicing a wafer having a base material with a diamond structure, which comprises forming one or more dies with at

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least one edge at an offset angle from a natural cleavage direction of the diamond structure with one or more protection elements along at least one dicing line.

Applicants elect Species B of Group II, claims 29-39, for further prosecution.

5 In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that claims 29-39 should be examined.

Enclosed is a Petition for a Extension of Time for one month with appropriate fee.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account 04-1679.

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Respectfully submitted,

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